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Abstract. We study the problem for a differential game of l-capture. We study the problem of Ramchundra with geometric constraint. A strategy of the boat is constructed depending only with geometric constraint. In this article, we constructed a strategy for approaching the ship to the boat.

Key words: Ramchundra, l-capture, geometric constraint, differential equations, differential game

One of the problems [2] discussed by Ramchundra (Indian mathematician Nesudas Ramchundra (1821-1880)) is the intercept problem for a slow pursuer versus a fast target. He wrote: Supposing a ship to sail from given place $A$, in a given place, at the same time that a boat from another place $B$ sets out in order (if possible) to come up with her and supposing the rate at which each vessel progresses to be given it is
required to find in what direction the letter must proceed, so that if a cannot up with the former, it may however approach it as near as possible.

We learn the problem of Ramchundra in the case $l$–interception. Let in the space $\mathbb{R}^n$ the controlled object $B$ (the boat), intercepts another object $A$ (the ship). Suppose $X$ and $Y$ are the locations of the boat and the ship respectively, and $x_0, y_0$ ($x_0 \neq y_0$) are their initial locations. The motions of the objects are described by the equations

$$B: \dot{y}(t) = v_b, \quad y(0) = y_0; \quad A: \dot{x}(t) = v_a, \quad x(0) = x_0.$$ \hfill (1)

where $x, y, v_b, v_a \in \mathbb{R}^n, n \geq 1$, $|v_a| \leq \beta$ is the control functions of the object $A$ (the ship) and $|v_b| \leq \alpha$ is that of the object $B$ (the boat), $\alpha$ and $\beta$ are given positive numbers.

If we say $z(t) = x(t) - y(t)$, then from (1) we will get the equation:

$$\dot{z} = v_a - v_b, \quad z(0) = z_0 = x_0 - y_0.$$ \hfill (2)

where $z_0 = x_0 - y_0$.

The goal of the boat $B$ is achievement of the inequalities $|x(t) - y(t)| \leq l$ if at some moment $t > 0$. And according to the equation (2) we have $|z(t)| < l$. We know constructing strategy for boat (see [1], [3-4]). According to the figure we have

$$Tv_b + w = Tv_a - z_0.$$ \hfill (3)

Squaring both sides (2) of these equalities and we obtain a quadratic equation with respect to $T$. 

![picture1](image-url)
Lemma. If \( \xi \geq -mk + \sqrt{(1-k^2)(1-m^2)} \) the function is \( T(\xi) > 0 \).

It is not difficult to show that this function is positive.

We now substituting \( T(\xi) \) into relation (3) find the strategy for boat in form

\[
v_b = v_a - F(\xi)(mv_a + \alpha z_0)
\] (4)

where

\[
F(\xi) = \frac{mk + \xi + \sqrt{(mk + \xi)^2 - (1-k^2)(1-m^2)}}{\xi m + k + m\sqrt{(mk + \xi)^2 - (1-k^2)(1-m^2)}}
\]

Theorem. If \( -mk + \sqrt{(1-k^2)(1-m^2)} \leq \xi \leq 1 \) then the boat using of the strategy (3) realizes \( l \) interception with the ship.

Proof:

Obviously

\[
z(t) = z_0 + \int_0^t (v_a - v_b) d\tau
\]

Squaring both sides of this equality and we find
\[ |z(t)|^2 = |z_0|^2 - 2 \left( z_0 \int_0^t F(\xi(\tau))(mv_0(\tau) + \alpha \dot{z}_0) d\tau \right) + \left( \int_0^t F(\xi(\tau))(mv_0(\tau) + \alpha \dot{z}_0) d\tau \right)^2 \leq \]
\[ \leq |z_0|^2 - 2 \int_0^t F(\xi(\tau))(z_0, mv_0(\tau) + \alpha \dot{z}_0) d\tau + \left( \int_0^t F(\xi(\tau))(mv_0(\tau) + \alpha \dot{z}_0) d\tau \right)^2 = \]
\[ = |z_0|^2 - 2\beta |z_0| \int_0^t N(\xi(\tau)) d\tau + \beta^2 \left( \int_0^t M(\xi(\tau)) d\tau \right)^2, \]

where
\[ N(\xi) = F(\xi)(m\xi + k), \quad M(\xi) = F(\xi)\sqrt{m^2 + 2km\xi + k^2} \]

And hence
\[ N(p) \leq N(\xi) \leq N(1), \quad M(p) \leq M(\xi) \leq M(1) \text{, where } p = -mk + \sqrt{(1-k^2)(1-m^2)} \]

Thus
\[ |z(t)|^2 - l^2 \leq |z_0|^2 - l^2 - 2\beta |z_0| \int_0^t N(\xi(\tau)) d\tau + \beta^2 \left( \int_0^t M(\xi(\tau)) d\tau \right)^2 \]
\[ = |z_0|^2 \left( 1 - m^2 \right) - 2\beta |z_0| \sqrt{1-m^2} \int_0^t \frac{N(\xi(\tau))}{\sqrt{1-m^2}} d\tau + \beta^2 \left( \frac{\int_0^t N(\xi(\tau)) d\tau}{\sqrt{1-m^2}} \right)^2 \]
\[ + \beta^2 \left( \int_0^t M(\xi(\tau)) d\tau \right)^2 = \]
\[ = \left[ |z_0| \sqrt{1-m^2} - \beta \left( \int_0^t N(\xi(\tau)) d\tau \right) \right]^2 - \beta^2 \left( \frac{\int_0^t N(\xi(\tau)) d\tau}{\sqrt{1-m^2}} \right)^2 - \left( \int_0^t M(\xi(\tau)) d\tau \right)^2 \]

We show that
\[ N(\xi) \geq \sqrt{1-m^2} M(\xi) \]
\[ F(\xi)(m\xi + k) \geq \sqrt{1-m^2} \cdot F(\xi) \sqrt{m^2 + 2km\xi + k^2} \]
\[ m^2\xi^2 + 2km\xi + k^2 \geq (1-m^2)\left( m^2 + 2km\xi + k^2 \right) \]
\[ \xi^2 \geq 1 - (m^2\xi^2 + 2km\xi + k^2) \]
\[ \xi^2 + 2km\xi - 1 + k^2 + m^2 \geq 0, \]

From here we have
\[ |z(t)|^2 - l^2 \leq \left( |z_0| \sqrt{1-m^2} - \beta \frac{\int_0^t N(\xi(\tau)) d\tau}{\sqrt{1-m^2}} \right)^2 \]

The last function \( N(\xi) \) is limited below with \( \sqrt{(1-k^2)(1-m^2)} \)

From here, we can say \( |z(T)| < l \) if at some time \( T < \infty \)

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